

**Nonfarm Employment by Industry  
from the Current Employment  
Statistics Survey**  
(levels in thousands)

**Altoona, Pa. MSA**

Annual Averages (not seasonally adjusted)

Industry	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total Nonfarm	56.4	56.8	58.0	58.8	60.4	60.6	61.0	61.1	61.5	62.1	61.9
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manufacturing	10.2	10.1	10.3	10.1	10.4	10.3	9.5	8.8	8.5	8.5	8.2
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	13.8	14.0	14.4	14.1	14.5	14.7	15.2	15.4	15.2	14.9	15.1
Information	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Financial Activities	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Professional & Business Services	4.0	4.1	4.3	5.0	4.7	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.8	5.5	5.2
Educational & Health Services	7.8	8.0	8.2	8.5	8.9	9.1	9.2	9.4	9.6	10.0	10.2
Leisure & Hospitality	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.7	5.1	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.5
Other Services	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Government	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.2	8.5	8.6	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.0	9.0

*Technical Note - Benchmarking of Current Employment Statistics (CES) data*

The CES survey, otherwise known as the establishment survey, constructs annual benchmarks in order to realign the sample-based employment totals for March of each year with the Unemployment Insurance (UI)-based population counts for March. These population counts are much less timely than sample-based estimates; however, they provide an annual point-in-time census for employment. The monthly sample-based estimates for the year preceding and the year following the benchmark are then subject to revision. For seasonally adjusted data, the benchmark is used to calculate new seasonal adjustment factors and to revise the last five years of historical seasonally adjusted employment data at the major industry division level.

The data presented above are on the March 2005 benchmark and therefore 2004 and 2005 data may differ from previously published estimates. Since the benchmark is a yearly occurrence this table will be updated during March each year. With publication of preliminary data for January 2007 on the March 2006 benchmark, unadjusted monthly and annual average data for 2005 and 2006 may be revised from earlier estimates while seasonally adjusted monthly data for the previous 5 years will be revised.

For current monthly data by  
major industry division see  
code 9425.

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n/a - not available

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Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Ann. Avg.
1995	54.9	54.8	55.3	56.0	57.0	57.6	56.4	57.4	57.2	56.7	56.7	56.3	56.4
1996	54.7	55.5	55.3	56.3	57.1	57.5	57.1	57.4	57.5	57.8	57.6	57.4	56.8
1997	56.2	56.7	56.6	58.0	58.0	58.5	58.4	58.8	58.6	58.5	58.9	58.8	58.0
1998	57.3	57.4	57.7	58.4	59.4	59.3	58.7	58.9	59.6	59.3	59.4	59.8	58.8
1999	58.1	58.7	59.1	60.5	61.0	61.8	61.4	61.4	60.7	60.4	60.8	60.6	60.4
2000	59.7	59.6	60.1	60.8	61.1	61.8	60.6	60.8	61.6	60.7	60.3	60.5	60.6
2001	59.9	59.9	59.6	60.8	61.6	61.9	60.7	61.5	61.9	61.5	61.0	61.1	61.0
2002	59.4	59.6	60.1	60.8	61.8	62.0	61.4	61.8	61.6	61.4	61.6	61.8	61.1
2003	60.2	60.2	60.6	61.2	62.2	62.2	61.8	62.0	62.0	62.0	62.2	62.5	61.5
2004	60.4	60.3	60.9	61.8	62.9	63.0	62.9	62.8	62.8	62.4	62.7	62.3	62.1
2005	60.1	60.4	60.5	61.7	62.4	63.0	62.5	62.4	62.6	62.2	62.5	62.3	61.9

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